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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION ELECTION

REF: STATE 87702

1. DURING A CALL ON TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO FOREIGN MINISTER CUTHBERT JOSEPH CONCERNING ANOTHER SUBJECT ON APRIL 14, I RAISED THE CANDIDACY OF TOM FARER FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (IAHRC). I RE-ITERATED THE POINTS MADE IN THE EMBASSY'S NOTE SENT SEVERAL WEEKS AGO TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND ASKED IF WE COULD HAVE TRINIDAD'S SUPPORT. THE NOMINATION HAD ALSO BEEN DISCUSSED WITH FONOFF PERMANENT SECRETARY ON MARCH 31.

2. DR. JOSEPH RESPONDED THAT HE KNEW FARER PERSONALLY, HAVING MET HIM AT A CONFERENCE ON THE STUDY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW IN THE HEMISPHERE. HE WAS NOT PERSONALLY INFORMED OF THE IAHRC ELECTION SITUATION, HOWEVER, AND DIRECTED A MINISTRY OFFICER TO GET THE REVELANT DOCUMENTS AND PREPARE A REPORT. DR. JOSEPH SAID THAT HE WOULD INFORM THE EMBASSY AS SOON AS A DECISION WAS REACHED.

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